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SUBJECT: Plant Industry Bureau report

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At the November 19, 2014, DATCP Board meeting, the Bureau will present a brief report on our phytosanitary certification program and activities. We will highlight Wisconsin's forest products industry, in particular our role in supporting the international movement of the state's timber and lumber products amid escalating demand.

The inspections carried out by the Bureau underpin the certifications we provide to Wisconsin's forest products industry. In turn, these certificates allow Wisconsin's forest products to be exported to all 50 states and around the world, mitigating the risk of rejection of the commodity for any wood-borne pest or disease.

The quality and reputation of Wisconsin's timber and lumber exports is supported by the consistent reliability of the Bureau's phytosanitary certification program.

Agriculture generates \$88 billion for Wisconsin